

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, and 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:  
an original placement portion on which an original is to be placed;  
an optical unit configured to move relative to the original placement  
portion; and  
a guide member that guides movement of the optical unit;  
wherein the optical unit includes a unit frame configured to hold an optical  
element, and includes a screw configured to be mounted in a screw hole formed on the unit  
frame,  
a head of the screw slides in contact with the guide member,  
a position of the unit frame relative to the guide member is adjusted by  
rotating in accordance with a rotating amount of the screw,  
a plurality of projecting portions are provided on a root of a thread of the  
screw along a circumference of the thread, and are provided in an area other than a tip end area of  
the screw, and  
each of the projecting portions of the screw are plastically deformable and  
screwed into the screw hole while being plastically deformed.

2. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein play between the screw and the screw hole is substantially  
eliminated by plastic deformation of the screw.

3.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein the tip end of the screw has an engagement portion[[ to]] with  
which a rotating tool [[is to]] engages.

6. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein the screw is made of a resin material.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein a plurality of screws are provided at respective end portions of the  
optical unit with respect to a direction orthogonal to a moving direction of the optical member  
respectively.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1,  
further comprising an illuminating unit configured to illuminate the  
original placement portion,

wherein the optical element is a mirror configured to reflect a reflection  
light from the original on the original placement portion that is illuminated with the illuminating  
unit.

11.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:

an original illumination member;

a reflection system configured to reflect light from the original;

a scanning member configured to move the reflection system;

a scanning surface configured to be scanned by the scanning member; and

a plurality of screws configured to be mounted in a plurality of screw holes  
formed on the scanning member, wherein a head of each of the screws slides in contact with the  
scanning surface;

wherein a position of the scanning member relative to the scanning surface  
is adjusted in accordance with a rotating amount of the screw; and

wherein each of the screws has a plurality of plastically deformable  
projecting portions on a root of a thread thereof along a circumference of the thread, [[and]] the  
projecting portions [[are]] provided in an area other than a tip end area of the screw, and the

projecting portions and the screw hole engage each other in an interference fit in the axial direction of the screw.